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Prime Minister Steering CPEC forward

Prime Minister Imran Khan's meeting with the Foreign Minister of People's Republic of China Wang Yi during his three-day visit to Pakistan reiterated the strong bond of time-tested bilateral friendship between Pakistan and China. The interaction was considered highly successful by the media of both the countries. Foreign Minister Wang Yi greeted the Prime Minister on taking charge of the newly elected Government and reaffirmed full support of his country. Both countries were keen to work together to take their friendship to new heights of bilateral cooperation, under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The significance of collaboration on matters of defense and security was of common interest in the backdrop of current international and regional affairs. The peace process in Afghanistan was essential for peace and prosperity in the region. Durable bilateral political diplomacy must be embedded in mutual trust. The investment from China under the CPEC project will help steer the Pakistan economy and bring economic prosperity to the country.



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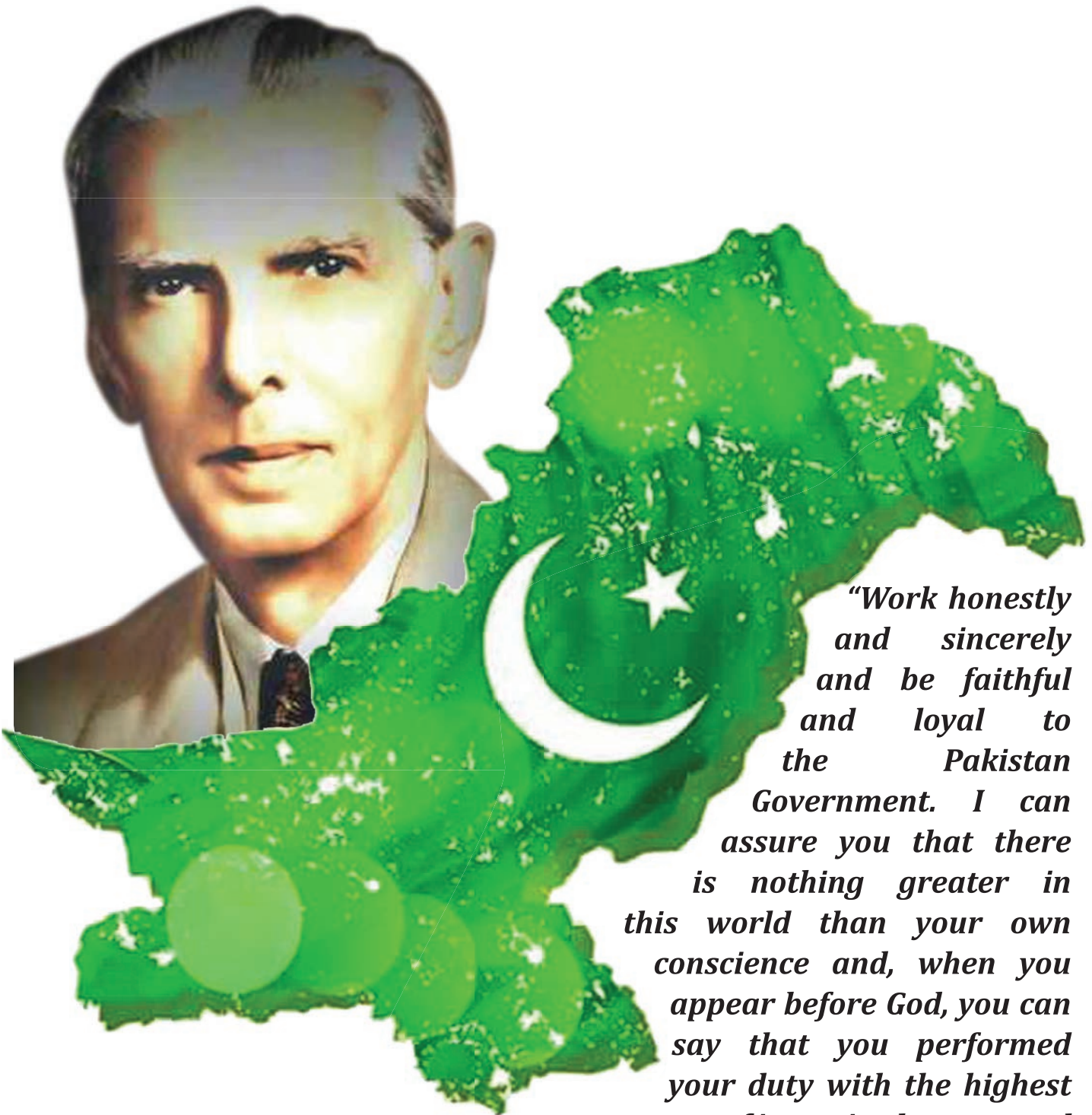
CPEC is the biggest venture in the history of our country; an event few nations see in their lifetime. Lack of authentic information on the dynamics of agreements between China and Pakistan has created a vacuum which is filled in by misinformation utilized by miscreants causing exploitation of the uninformed public for individual gain. Every citizen has a right to benefit from the economic prospects offered by CPEC. Under the Right to Information Act, 2013, people of Pakistan have a right to information on the decision-making, progress, investment and job opportunities, government incentives and facilitation etc. Gwadar Insider is an endeavour to provide credible information on various aspects of CPEC to raise awareness on issues affecting the current and prospective stakeholders, and their possible solutions. The magazine will also focus on current affairs of Pakistan and national issues which directly or indirectly may affect Gwadar.

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Quaid-e-Azam's Message



"Work honestly and sincerely and be faithful and loyal to the Pakistan Government. I can assure you that there is nothing greater in this world than your own conscience and, when you appear before God, you can say that you performed your duty with the highest sense of integrity, honesty and with loyalty and faithfulness".

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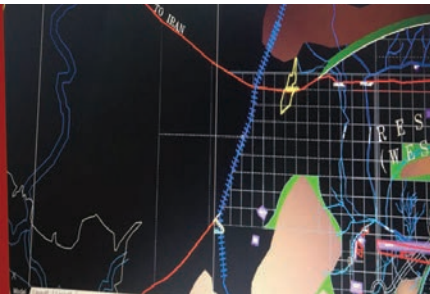
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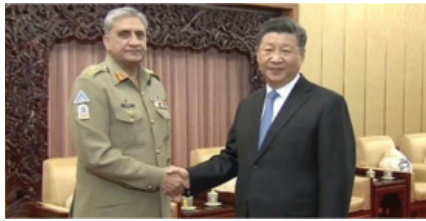
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PROPERTY GUIDE
HOW TO BUY PROPERTY IN GWADAR

Developed by
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**TIPS FOR PURCHASING
PROPERTY IN GWADAR**

- Category according to type of property
 - open land,
 - private scheme,
 - government scheme,
- Category according to use of property
 - Residential:
 - Plot
 - Apartment
 - House
 - Commercial:
 - Plot
 - Shop
 - Industrial:
 - Plot
 - Warehouse

- Find a trustworthy dealer, more than one is preferred.
- Visit Gwadar (preferable).
- Visit several property sites.
- Select a property you understand.
- Meet the owner (preferable).
- See all title documents.
- Verification of land ownership is essential.

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GWADAR Development Authority NOC Status for October 2018
Source: www.gda.gov.pk

NOC of Residential	
Expired	36
Restore	27
Under Process for restoration	13
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Expired	10
Restore	4
Under Process for restoration	3
NOC of Commercial	
Expired	3
Restore	1

GDA NOC
Status



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Time to Invest

Saudi Arabia set to invest in CPEC as the third strategic partner

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The dawn of the newly elected government has proved to be fresh air for the CPEC project which had sunk into hibernation given the political stagnation in the last two years of the previous government. This cannot only be judged by the increase in the news items appearing in the print media but more so by the surge in activity

Road Initiative. Meetings of Chinese Ambassador with several prominent government functionaries in Pakistan were substantiated with the visit of the Foreign Minister of China, Mr. Wang Yi to Pakistan. The Chinese Foreign Minister met the newly elected Prime Minister of Pakistan Mr. Imran Khan and our Army Chief. The Chief of the Armed Forces of

that it is time for CPEC to move forward in sixth gear. One important understanding that emerged was the decision that it is time to invite friendly countries to invest in CPEC.

The maiden foreign visit of Prime Minister Imran Khan was a perfect time and opportunity to offer another historical and time-tested friend Saudi Arabia to join CPEC as



on several fronts inside as well as outside of Pakistan.

As soon as the formalities of forming the new government and the cabinet were complete, the Chinese partners leaped forward towards the civil and military leadership with nothing less than a sigh of relief and hope for their key project of CPEC which also forms a base pillar of the Belt and

Pakistan General Qamar Bajwa also visited China and met with their highest civil and military leadership. With reiteration of the decades' long friendship between the two countries a restatement of the mutual trust and support between the state and the nations of both the countries surfaced. Important matters discussed, it was evident

the third partner and investor. The rumour mill was up and running in no time with news spreading faster than fire that Saudi Arabia would be investing ten billion dollars developing an oil city in Gwadar as part of CPEC. Again media was full of uproar and criticism from government adversaries regarding inviting a third partner to invest in



CPEC and converting the port city of Gwadar into an oil city.

The old master plans of Gwadar have demarcated land chunks for the purpose of an oil city, plans for which have been there for long. Perhaps the key product to offload at Gwadar port will be oil for consumption in China. Readers who understand the mammoth demand for oil in China

to run its gigantic manufacturing economy will appreciate that it is naturally a part of the CPEC strategy to have oil reservoirs in the port city and even better to set up refineries, especially with the tax relief that is available as part of CPEC and the Economic Trade Free Zone in Gwadar. Also China was in full confidence of the CPEC investment proposal that was offered to Saudi Arabia.

A high level Saudi delegation led by the energy minister arrived in Pakistan on the 1st of October to hold talks on the possibilities and terms of the investment for which deliberations are underway. On 2nd October the Saudi delegation is scheduled to visit Gwadar for site visit and assessment of possibilities and options. As discussions and events unfold the Nitti gritty of the new entrant partner of CPEC are expected to become clear in due course.



Russia is deliberating with Pakistan on a ten billion dollar offshore gas pipeline deal. The state owned company of Pakistan Inter State Gas Systems (ISGS) has been nominated to see through this pipeline project with Russia's energy giant Gazprom. Gazprom will bear the cost for the feasibility study of this project. This project is expected to fulfill the gas



demand that will arise from the industrialization phase of CPEC once the duty and tax free Special Economic Zones are functional. Though Russia currently is not a partner of CPEC, and this pipeline project not a part of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor, the fast changing scenario will attract more international interest in future.

From the Far East corner of the world the Japanese have also registered their interest in the port city of Gwadar. Several Japanese visitors have already visited Gwadar in the recent years to study investment prospects. The most recent Japanese delegation met with the senior management of Gwadar Port Authority, Gwadar Development Authority, Gwadar Free Zone Company Limited and China Overseas Port Holding Company and expressed interest in real

estate, tourism, and infrastructure development.

In another development the Senate Chairman Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani has encouraged Turkish businessmen to invest in Gwadar Free Economic Zone. Talking to a delegation of Turkish businessmen including parliamentarians he refreshed the memory of time-tested friendship of

Pakistan and Turkey. The countries have stood by the side of each other in difficult times and are presently working for the peace and prosperity in their respective regions. The Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) meeting was scheduled to be held in Gwadar at the end of October. Turkey is also the President of the Asian Parliament. He invited the Turkish businessmen and parliamentarians



to visit Gwadar at this time and encouraged them to invest in the newly developing port city.

The Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Noor-ul-Haq Qadri has also invited Afghanistan to become part of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, as this will not only help promote peace in the region but also help the country recover economically after the devastation following the decades' long war. This will also benefit Pakistan by providing access to Europe via the potential rail network in Afghanistan. Long term benefits may include repatriation of migrants of the Afghan war and will help curb cross border terrorism.

An international event 'CPEC-BRI Cairo Dialogue and Trade Summit-Building Partnership for Trade Transformation' was hosted in Cairo in late September 2018 and organized by South Asian Strategic Stability Institute (SASSI). The objective of this summit is to realize the full benefits of China Pakistan Economic Corridor and Belt and Road Initiative launched by China in 2013. The summit was attended by senior government officials, businessmen, academicians, experts and policy makers from Pakistan, China, Europe, Egypt and the Middle-East. Pakistan and Egypt are two strategic members of the BRI initiative by virtue of their strategic locations. The regional connectivity offered by Suez Canal in Egypt and Gwadar in Pakistan will have a key role in





transforming trade in the coming times. Both Suez Canal and Gwadar are expected to become, mega sea ports under BRI. Such events herald the need for developing strategies, building partnerships and preparing for the future of international trade once land and sea communication mechanism under CPEC and BRI become functional to optimal capacity.

An advocacy group of multinational companies presented recommendations by the Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce to the new Finance Minister of Pakistan seeking a review of the CPEC and Free Trade Agreements. The level of interest shown by foreign investors in CPEC is constantly on the rise. This is one of the many positive signs that have become visible on the horizon of CPEC and Gwadar Investment since the new government has taken charge of administrative matters in the country.

Peace and security, modern defense mechanisms, counter terrorism, migration, manufacturing and urban development are some of the areas that will need to be reflected upon mutually through multilateral cooperation of all partnering and participating nations for long term success of the project and sustainable peace and prosperity in the region. The security aspect is mandatory to the success of the project while other prerequisites are equally, if not more, important.



The stagnant waters have receded and grey clouds have disappeared from the skyline. It is clear as crystal that CPEC is a reality whether anyone approves of this development in Pakistan or not. Did CPEC steer the path of politics or did political governments determine the pace and face of CPEC? The question remains a puzzle for the sharp minds to resolve.

The reality is that there is stir and commotion at present in the investor circles. Inquiries for business and real estate investments are picking up. Land prices in Gwadar are already on the rise. There is good news around the corner for those who held on to their investments. As for business

investment options, the government and its allied departments are lagging and lacking on the homework that was their share. Gwadar still waits for computerized land transactions, one window operations, e-government, information centers and kiosks and most important of all potable clean water for drinking and general use. Direct flights from Lahore, Islamabad and Peshawar are still awaited. Lack of timely credible information regarding various activities, events and developments in the CPEC agreement and Gwadar district are still the norm. The new government must bring positive changes to the way matters have been handled by previous administration. The success

of the project and anticipated economic prosperity from the project can only be accomplished if due diligence is observed in all that is required to be done. CPEC is the biggest challenge as well as the solution to the country's economic issues.

In due course the number of partner countries of CPEC are bound to increase as is the private individual investors' participation in the project. The new government has kicked off a start in the right direction in good time but it also needs to take care that the basic needs and provisions of Gwadar city that have been so often highlighted and raised at various forums are fulfilled.

Gwadar - to have the world's third largest oil refinery

Every passing day is the herald for more good news for Gwadar and Pakistan



A high level Saudi delegation led by the energy minister presently visiting Gwadar registered interest to install the third largest refinery of the world in Gwadar city. The security arrangements in the developing port city of Gwadar turned out according to the satisfaction of the delegation. A mega oil city is also proposed for the city in its earlier master plans which is expected to be located on 80,000 acres of land. The oil to be imported into the country will be stored here for onward displacement to China along with catering to the national oil needs of Pakistan. The Saudi delegation was also interested in development of motorways and railways network in Baluchistan.

Snail Paced Develepment of Gwadar Port and Mekran Region

LITIGATION IN LAND TRANSACTIONS- A MAJOR ISSUE



Lt Col Talat Zia Raja (Retd)

Lands scams are a key reason for this snail paced development. Due to rapid change over of DCs, who are in-charge of the Revenue department in Gwadar, a large number of cases are pending for clearance, compensation and NOCs. The owners of societies have fleeced the general public and done nothing in last 15 years for the public investment. Synergized effort of Ministry of Finance, MBR, DC, GDA and allied staff are needed urgently to address these issues. There is dire need of improvement by new government in patwar system, documentation, demarcation, transfer and computerization etc.

Balochistan is the largest province of Pakistan area wise but deprived in perhaps all segments of industry growth, prosperity, and Gwadar in specific. The literacy rate is very low, lately females have stepped out under the dynamic umbrella of Zubaida Jalal from a remote area of Mand. Except for few Fish Processing units owned by the big wigs of Mekran there is no major industry existent in that area. All food provisions are dependent on Karachi including medical aid or any other facility. The prerequisite for development is land with clear ownership status and infrastructure. Both are moving at a snail pace despite promises by all governments.

Current NOC Status

Type	Total NOC	Status
Residential	77	7 have conditional NOC
Industrial	6	2 have conditional NOC
Commercial	17	2 have conditional NOC
Recreational	8	3 have conditional NOC

Most of the lands were sold by Baloch locals from 1999 onwards to investors from all around the globe for future development in Mekran region. The government revenue department remained quiet as they were busy facilitating the bigwigs tampering land records. Uneducated patwaris and revenue staff, and absence of bureaucrats from offices made things easy. Gwadar cannot be managed by sitting in posh offices in Quetta. Relevant executives need to be present in Gwadar.

In the years 2011-2015 a large area of Jiwani, Gwadar, Pasni and Ormara was cancelled vide Newspaper advertisement by DCs for unknown reasons. This dropped the graph of private investment in Gwadar, which continues today also. Many investors suffered severe heart attacks and got disheartened.

Land records are still not computerized due to lack of will of the government of Balochistan. The data needs to be computerized at the earliest as done in Punjab by the last regime.

There is no mechanism in the Government departments to facilitate the public for GPS based site demarcation. The concerned Patwari is taken on site after many requests and hefty bribes. A handful of GDA employees and private persons indulge in private practice and fleece the public for GPS based site demarcation.

Availability of the Patwari for land transfer is subject to an agreed fee, commission or bribe for his duty to his office. Gazetted fees and taxes are not deposited in Government treasury and slips not provided in routine. A primitive method of taking

photos from smart phone has initiated recently.

Many columns in Patwar Registers are left empty for later to cater tampering of land quantity and other data by the revenue department. Most of the uneducated locals only put thumb impression and rest is filled in by Patwari. This can play havoc with the land data.

There are large chunks of mauzas like Suntser, Okar, Chatani, Tank, and Zabardan lying unsettled and with the existing primitive methods it will take ages and provide room for tampering of land in Gwadar region.

Parts of Panwan, Bandi, Chatani Bhal, Zabardan, Kerwat, Pasni etc have been wrongly cancelled several times by revenue department to coverup their wrong doings, tampering, changing Khasras etc. These aspects need immediate rectification. The author himself is an affectee of the Revenue department.

Government should notify both the owners and investors through social and print media about any acquisition and compensation. This will reduce the uproar and protests by the public for acquisition and cancellation of land mauzas.

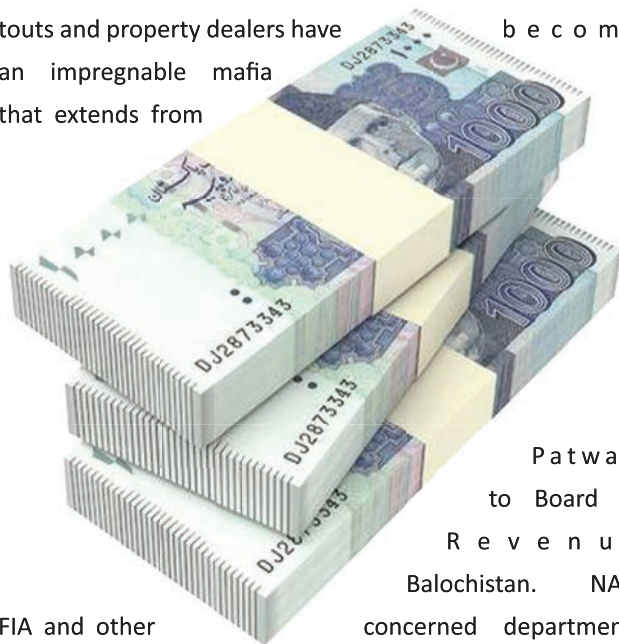
The pace of adaptability of GDA to the changing environments and speed of developmental work within a very short span of time is really commendable. This was only possible due to the undaunted efforts of the Government at the Federal, Provincial and local level.

With start of work on port in March 2002, it was expected that there



will be a massive growth in the town. In order to plan and regulate this growth, Gwadar Master Plan was introduced, but it is still in review. Gwadar Development Authority was established in October 2003 to implement the Master Plan, which initially suggested only the land use. After the establishment of the Authority, Internal Road Network, Land Zoning and Vision for future Gwadar was developed.

Old aged corrupt patwaris and their relatives operating as touts and property dealers have become an impregnable mafia that extends from



Patwari
to Board of
Revenue
Balochistan. NAB,

FIA and other concerned departments must conduct proper investigations.

The Revenue department Balochistan needs to stop facilitating posting and transfers of corrupt staff. Red-tape, bribery, corrupt practices should stop through stringent measures. However, exceptions of honest and competent staff is there like a pinch of salt.

Due to the wrong doings in land records in the remote

area of Mekran there is a huge number of litigation cases pending in Balochistan High Court, in lower courts of Mekran Region, NAB and FIA on the wrong cancellation of lands correctly purchased by investors all over the region.

Affects of Litigation in Gwadar Region

- a. No construction of residential, commercial, industrial projects.
- b. Hindered planning and increase in processing time.
- c. Violence and strikes in the region.
- d. No compensation or input by Revenue and its allied departments like GDA.
- e. Time delay.
- f. Waste of investment.
- g. Snail paced growth of port city of Gwadar.
- h. No boom in investment.
- i. Delay and constant changes in Master plan.
- j. Lot of areas remains unsettled and insecure.
- k. No development of infrastructure.
- l. Increased load of judiciary.
- m. Large number of lawyers travelling from all over to attend hearings.
- n. No development at all.

Recommendations

- a. Whole hearted flushing of corrupt, incompetent civil servants, bureaucracy especially in the revenue





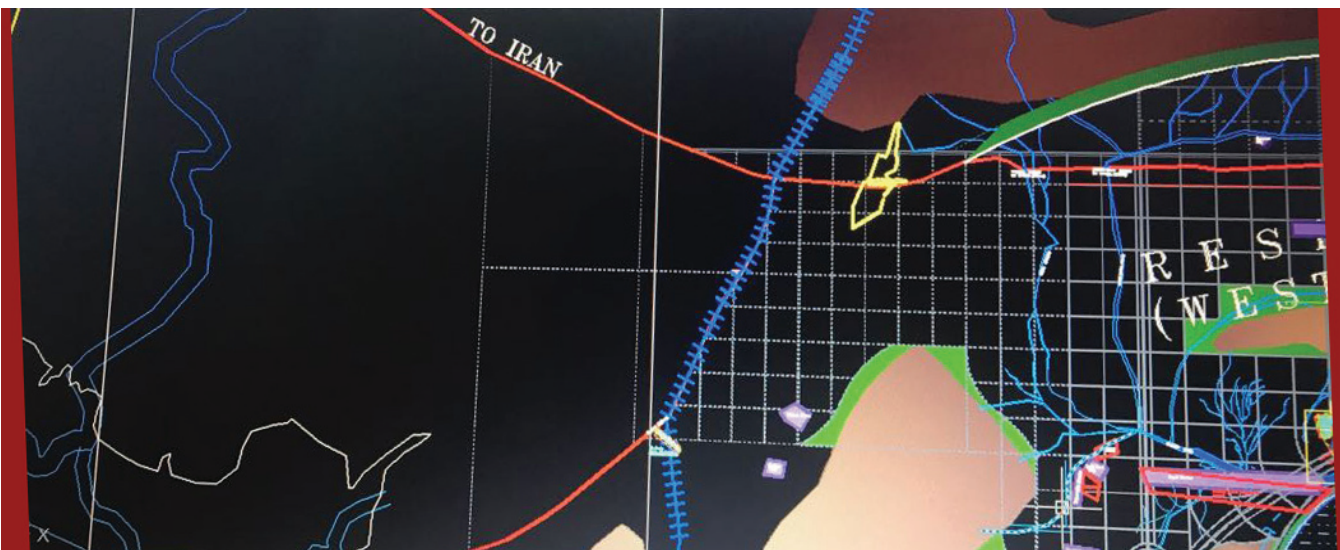
department of Balochistan.

- b. Computerization of data, and land records at priority.
- c. Postings and transfers on merit.
- d. Investigation by NAB, FIA and allied departments to squash the deep rooted web of corruption.

- e. Compensation of lands cancelled by Revenue department Balochistan to legal owners and investors.
- g. Stringent measures by GDA, allied departments working in Gwadar.
- h. Chief Justice Balochistan High Court to give directions for speedy decisions on cases of land issues in Mekran.
- i. Role of Media should be positive in highlighting issues to public. The lands being sold through graphic display on social media by land grabbers be stopped by portraying actual display on TV Talk Shows on practical development in Gwadar.
- j. Provision of one window operation in all departments.
- k. Provision of legal remedy advice and services by government to investors and affected local people who have invested and cannot afford to pursue the legal course.
- l. Making lands litigation free and available to owners with enhanced facilitation for development.

The development of Mekran Coast is the need of the hour. Mekran Coast has the potential of developing from an under developed region to the most prosperous part of the country. Still greater impact could be created at the Provincial level. This area can serve as a key junction for Gulf and Central Asian trade.

GPS Image of Site Demarcation on Gwadar Master Plan





Embassy of the Peoples Republic of China - Islamabad

DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY

COAS meets Chinese Ambassador, assures CPEC security



The Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Qamar Javed Bajwa emphasized the role of the military in providing security cover to the projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). In a meeting with the Ambassador of China to Pakistan, H.E. Yao Jing, he said that CPEC's timely implementation is imperative for the future success of Pakistan's economy, and the Pakistan Army is fully committed in overlooking its smooth progress. The recent visit of the Chinese Foreign Minister was also discussed in the meeting.

Source: The News

ACROSS BORDERS

CM Punjab meets Chinese envoy to discuss new avenues of cooperation in Punjab



The Chief Minister (CM) of Punjab, Usman Buzdar, held a meeting with the Ambassador of China to Pakistan, H.E. Yao Jing, to discuss the future of Punjab under Chinese cooperation, and the projects being implemented in Punjab under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Assurance was provided by the Chinese envoy that China will now focus on projects pertaining to agricultural uplift of local farmers, poverty alleviation and clean water projects. The CM emphasized the importance of CPEC, and said China has supported Pakistan throughout its history, with the bond being further strengthened through this mega project.

Source: The News



Embassy of the Peoples Republic of China - Islamabad

Ambassador H.E Liu Xiaoming stresses upon trilateral cooperation between China, Pakistan and UK



Ambassador H.E Liu Xiaoming delivered a key note speech in Palace of Westminster, United Kingdom, at the launch of All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Belt and Road Initiative and China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. The launch ceremony was held on 10th September, where the Chinese Ambassador to UK emphasized on the bigger picture of BRI, and emphasized that BRI is open to the world, and thus, there are significant opportunities for UK to collaborate with China under BRI projects. The ambassador further cited the reference of CPEC being a flagship project of BRI that offers significant opportunities for UK as well. He stressed upon the need for trilateral cooperation under the banner of BRI which will benefit all three parties: UK, China and Pakistan.

Source: fmprc.gov.cn

Liu Xiaoming refers to CPEC as the best example of bilateral cooperation

Chinese Ambassador to United Kingdom (UK), Liu Xiaoming addressed the audience at the launch of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Belt and Road Initiative and CPEC, held at House of Commons, and said that China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is the best representation of BRI's true vision. He further added that CPEC is rapidly progressing and moving towards economic cooperation and connectivity. Implementation of CPEC projects in various sectors such as energy, infrastructure, ports etc. has created various opportunities for Pakistan to improve its national level economy. Therefore, Pakistan and CPEC provides the best example of bilateral cooperation. Liu Xiaoming quoted Pakistan's example while extending hands for bilateral cooperation towards UK.

Source: Pakistan Observer

Chinese Embassy in Islamabad debunks Financial Times Report

In a statement issued, the Chinese Embassy has debunked the Financial Times report citing the remarks made by the Adviser of PM, Mr Abdur Razzak Dawood on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) projects. The statement talks about the benefits of CPEC to Pakistan, labeling such reports as misquoted and distorted. Media propaganda has been prevailing in the past against CPEC as well, therefore it is important to provide accurate information on the project.

Source: Chinese Embassy

Petroleum Minister and Chinese Ambassador discuss establishment of Gwadar as an 'oil city'



Petroleum Minister, Ghulam Sarwar Khan met the Chinese Ambassador Yao Jing on Monday and expressed his desire to establish Gwadar as the 'oil city' in Pakistan. He further emphasized, that Gwadar is strategically important for both China and Pakistan considering that it is the economic hub and the emphasis point of BRI. During the discussion on the projects under CPEC, Yao Jing proposed to establish technical training centers in Pakistan to facilitate the process of oil and gas pipeline construction. Petroleum Minister also showed his keen interest in construction of oil refinery by Chinese in Pakistan.

Source: The News



Consulate General of Pakistan
Chengdu, China



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Chengdu, China
Mr. Muhammad Mudassir Tipu

DIAMER BASHA AND MOHMAND DAM FUND 2018 IS ESTABLISHED FOR RAISING FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT DAMS IN PAKISTAN



PM-CJ Fund for Diamer Bhasha & Mohmand Dam

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All proceeds from both domestic and international donors in the aforementioned Fund will be received at all branches of State Bank of Pakistan, all treasuries and branches of National Bank of Pakistan and all other scheduled banks in Pakistan.

In foreign countries, contributions are being received by Pakistan Missions and remitted to the State Bank of Pakistan.

Contributions to the Fund may also be deposited in China in the following bank account of the Consulate General of Pakistan, Chengdu:

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Account name: Consulate General of Pakistan Chengdu

Bank swift code: BKCHCNBJ570

Bank name: Bank of China Sichuan Branch

Bank address: No.35, section 2, Renminzhonglu, Chengdu, Sichuan, China.

SECURING

The Chief of Army Staff, General Qamar Javed Bajwa, has recently concluded a three day visit to China, where he held important meetings with key Chinese government officials and most importantly, the Chinese President Xi Jinping.

The Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Qamar Javed Bajwa has recently concluded a very important three-day visit to China, where he held key meetings with top Chinese officials, including the Chief of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), General Han Weigou; Vice Chairman of Chinese Central Military Commission (CMC), General Zhang Youxia and most importantly, the President of China, Xi Jinping. It has been reported that in all the meetings, both sides resolved to strengthen the relations between Pakistan and China and continue the progress of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Meeting with PLA Chief, General Han Weigou

The Chief of PLA, General Han Weigou, during his meeting with the COAS, appreciated the security initiatives taken by the Pakistan Army for the ongoing CPEC projects. He also expressed desire that China should benefit from Pakistan's military experience, expressing hope that both countries can expand cooperation in the armed forces. The COAS reiterated his stance, citing vast avenues for future mutual cooperation.

Meeting with Vice Chairman CMC, General Zhang Youxia

General Zhang Youxia, VC CMC, appreciated the efforts of Pakistan Army, saying that China greatly values its times tested relations with Pakistan and its army. In a key statement, General Zhang said,

"Pakistan Army is the backbone of the Pakistan-China relationship"

He said that China hopes to expand

which should be further enhanced in the fields of counter terrorism, arms and equipment technology, and

The Chief of Army Staff General Qamar



the mutual cooperation between the two countries, stating that China-Pakistan Economic Corridor plays a key role in expanding this cooperation. He also said that Pakistan-China military cooperation is one of the most important pillars of bilateral relations between the two countries,

training. The COAS acknowledged and appreciated the comments made by the General in the meeting.

Meeting with the President of China, Xi Jinping

In the most important meeting of his visit, the COAS met the President of

China, Xi Jinping, to discuss region's security and challenges it is faced with. The Chinese President acknowledged

statements which are as follows:

1. Those who oppose the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) or the China-

believes the key economic project (BRI) will be successful

3. As long as high-degree mutual trust and concrete measures are in place, the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor construction will succeed and deliver benefits to people of the two countries.
4. Pakistan Army has a pivotal role to play in strengthening and promoting the Pakistan-China strategic relationship.
5. The Chinese and Pakistani armies should resolutely crackdown on terrorist forces, to ensure security in building CPEC.
6. The two armies should deepen exchanges at all levels and cooperation in various areas and provide reliable security guarantees for common interests and development of both countries.

Key Policy Statements of COAS
General Qamar Javed Bajwa

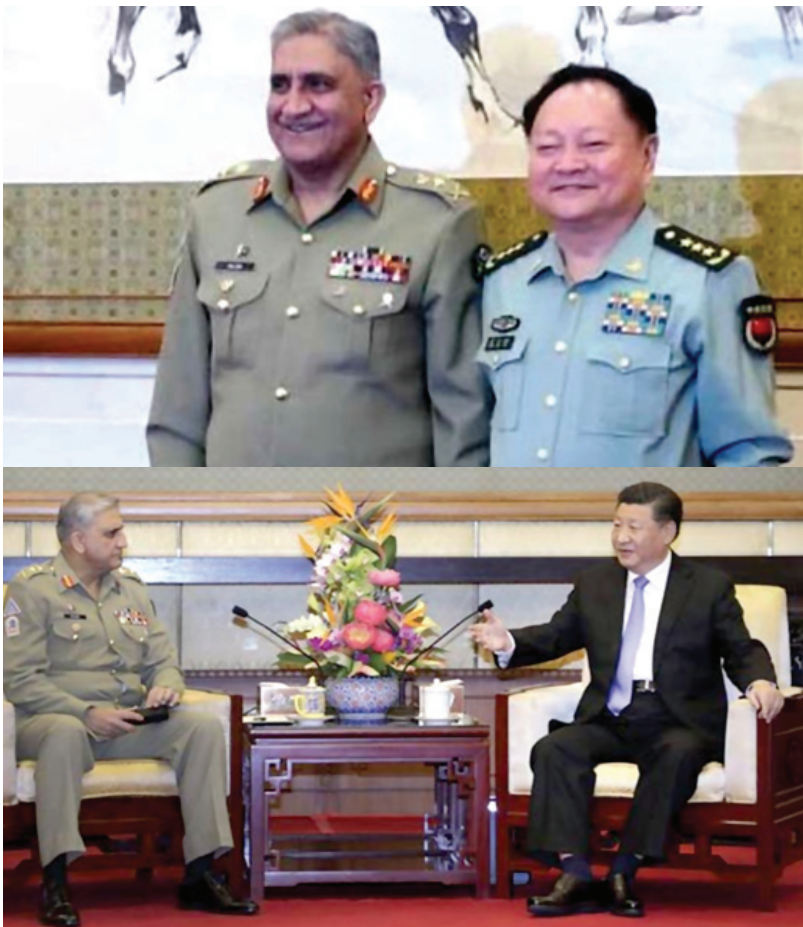
The COAS, General Qamar Javed Bajwa also made some key policy statements during his meeting with President Xi Jinping, which are as follows:

1. Pakistan understands the importance of peace and has made a lot of sacrifices for achieving it.
2. BRI with CPEC as its flagship is destined to succeed despite all odds and Pakistan Army will ensure security of CPEC at all costs.

We need to stay strong to thwart designs of inimical forces challenging our resolve and we greatly value the Chinese support in this regard.

Source: <http://www.cpecinfo.com>

Javed Bajwa's visit to China



Pakistan's role in formulating ties with China, and said that the Pakistan Army played a key role in this regard.

Key Policy Statements of President Xi Jinping

President Xi Jinping, during his meeting with COAS, made some key policy

Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), shall never succeed as this is an initiative of peace and development, not only for China but for [the] region and beyond.

2. China places a "high premium" on its relations with Pakistan and



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IMPORTANT FACTS

Breast Cancer in Pakistan

By:

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Breast Cancer is the most Common cancer in Pakistan

One in 8 Women in Pakistan Faces Breast Cancer in her life

According to different research studies nearly 40,000 women in Pakistan die every year of Breast Cancer

Death rate in Pakistan is high because the disease generally gets detected in advanced stages

According to WHO, Breast cancer rate is increasing and the disease occurrence in young girls in their Teens is increasing

If you notice anything abnormal consult a doctor immediately

Statistics on Cancer Care in Pakistan

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* Around 162,000 patients are added to the existing number of cancer patients in Punjab each year

* 300,000 patients are added to the national pool each year

* The limited cancer treatment facilities in the country can help only about 40,000 patients annually

* A total of 591 beds and 55 oncologists are available for 162,000 patients in Punjab

* There is an anticipated visit load of 60,000 or more cancer outpatients for hospitals in the region.

* 80 % of the cancer patients in Pakistan are diagnosed with terminal diseases in very late stages because of a lack of awareness and poor health facilities where the majority population lives-- the rural areas



CANCER RESEARCH NEWS

Machine-learning Technique May Speed Identifying ER-positive Breast Cancers



Researchers have developed a technique that showed potential to identify estrogen receptor (ER)-positive breast cancers much faster and easier than current methods, potentially speeding a patient's diagnosis and advancing the possibility of more personalized treatment.

The study detailing their work, "Correlating nuclear morphometric patterns with estrogen receptor status in breast cancer pathologic specimens," was published in the journal *npj Breast Cancer*.

Treatment decisions and patient management in breast cancer depends greatly on the presence of specific markers – cancer cells with receptors for estrogen and other hormones – as these markers are associated with different responses to current therapies.

ER-positive breast cancers account for more than 70 percent of all such cancers, and these patients are often treated with one of two classes of therapies after surgery.

In the U.S., the standard procedure to characterize breast tumors uses immunohistochemistry, a method in which biopsies slides are analyzed under a microscope for the presence of specific markers.

However, this process is expensive, slow – taking weeks to provide results – and somewhat inconsistent, as different laboratories may reach different results.

Increasingly, data point to a link between changes in the morphology of the cell, or its internal components, and the presence of specific markers.

Researchers led by a team at the University of Southern California developed a technique based on machine learning that can distinguish ER-positive from ER-negative breast cancer through the analysis of the morphology of the cells' nucleus – the specialized structure that contains a person's genetic information, and controls and regulates the cell's activities.

They used publicly available tissue images (labeled with only a standard procedure) of 113 breast cancer patients and their corresponding ER status (determined by immunohistochemistry).

Fifty-seven of these images were used to train a computer to associate specific nuclear features, such as shape and orientation, to ER-positive or ER-negative status.

When the team tested the machine on the tissue images of the remaining 56 patients, it could predict with accuracy the ER-status of the samples based on those nuclear features.

While the standard approach may take weeks to identify a marker after diagnosis, "with machine learning technology, we can tell you the same day, so there's less delay, less stress and potentially better outcomes," Daniel Ruderman, a study author, said in a press release.

"It's going to enable us to identify the right drug and dose more quickly. It's a big step toward personalized medicine," Ruderman added.

Additional analysis revealed that ER-negative tumors seemed to be associated with larger, more variable nuclei (in several features) than ER-positive tumors. The team believes its approach also has the potential to identify new cellular features and patterns associated with specific types of breast cancer and treatment response.

While the results are promising, further validation is needed before the technique might be applied in the clinical setting, and the researchers expect that tests involving larger groups of patients will also improve the machine's predictive accuracy.

Source: <https://breastcancer-news.com>

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- ✈ If you have any pre-existing health conditions, replenish your medicines well before and make sure to bring along your prescriptions in hand-carry bags
- ✈ Make a routine for regular exercise in preparation for your trip, so that you can keep up with the physical taxation of travel. Long walks are a goodstart
- ✈ Pack first aid items, such as band-aids, over the counter pain relievers, hand sanitizer, antibiotic creams, and non-liquid medications for colds and diarrhea, keep an anti-allergic medicine handy
- ✈ If you need access to a doctor, depending on your region of travel, the best place to go to for help are those that have experience with tourists, such as hotels and travel agencies as well as consulates and embassies, who usually have lists of local doctors
- ✈ In case of excessive walking, a blister on the foot can be a major discomfort. To treat and especially prevent foot chafing, covering areas with moleskin, bandages, and anti-chafing sticks and balms can facilitate better travel experience
- ✈ Eat healthy during travel and avoid eating at high risk places to avoid sickness. Pre-prepared

CPEC will help improve economy and give Pakistan a strategic advantage: President Arif Alvi

Date : 18-09-2018 (Sama TV)

The newly elected President of Pakistan, Arif Alvi, stressed on the economic benefits of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), saying that with the completion of the project, Pakistan will have a reasonable economic advantage in the region. He further stressed that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government is fully focused on the timely implementation of CPEC. He made these remarks while addressing a joint parliament session. He further urged the parliamentarians to play an active role in donations for the construction of dams in the country.

Chinese Ambassador congratulates Malik Amin Aslam for launching the 10 billion tree programme

Date : 23-09-2018(The News)

The Ambassador of China to Pakistan, H.E. Yao Jing, held a meeting with Prime Minister's Adviser on Climate Change, Malik Amin Aslam, and lauded his efforts to preserve the country's environment. He appreciated the role the Ministry of Climate Change has played in launching the 10 billion tree programme, and assured the minister that the Chinese government will collaborate with Pakistan in efforts to preserve the environment, which can be another key cooperation initiative under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Pakistan and China to conduct intelligence based joint operations to counter drug trafficking

Date : 19-09-2018 (Pakistan Today)

Pakistan and China have been exploring various areas of mutual cooperation, especially since the advent of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). A delegation of China's National Narcotics Control Committee (NNCC), called on the headquarters of the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF), to discuss various areas of bilateral cooperation. It was decided that both the countries will establish mechanisms to conduct

joint intelligence operations to counter the menace of drug trafficking. Considering CPEC is expanding at a rapid pace, it is important to establish policies that cater to this issue.

Afghanistan may agree to join CPEC: Minister for Religious Affairs

Date : 23-09-2018(The News)

Highlighting the importance of Afghanistan's strategic location, the Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Noor-ul-Haq Qadri said that he had invited Afghanistan to become part of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), which would help aid the economy of the war-torn country. He said that after the inclusion of Afghanistan in CPEC, it will give Pakistan access to Europe through a series of railway infrastructure projects in Afghanistan.

Chinese industrialists increase investment in Sindh under CPEC

Date : 24-09-2018(Urdu Point)

Zhang Yang, representative of China's Chongqing Federation of Industry and Commerce, during a press conference at Hyderabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HCCI) said that an investment of \$400 million will be made in Sindh, particularly in industrial sector. The MOU in regards to this was signed under the umbrella of CPEC in May this year, which is to last for 5 years. The initiative expanded upon one of the 5 components of CPEC, industrial cooperation, further enhancing the scope of CPEC in Pakistan. The MOUs are inclusive of investment in industries like clothing, steel, real estate, education, tourism etc.

Saudi partnership in CPEC a major boost for 'cash-strapped' Pakistan

Date : 23-09-2018(Pakistan Observer)

The Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) has expressed hope and encouragement on the recent inclusion of Saudi Arabia as part of the multi-billion dollar China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Members of FPCCI have said that Pakistan's crippling foreign

exchange reserves will be given a serious boost, since the country is suffering from a major economic crisis. They also said that through CPEC, Saudi Arabia will gain better access to world trade traffic.

Saudi Arabia all set to become a partner in CPEC

Date : 21-09-2018 (Express Tribune)

In major turn of events, Saudi Arabia is all set to become a third-party investor in the mega project of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Addressing media personnel, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Fawad Chaudhry, said that a group of high level Saudi officials are set to visit Pakistan to discuss various avenues of investment in CPEC, especially in the port city of Gwadar. This is a major development, especially since Pakistan is already looking for an increase in Forex reserves for its crippling economy.

PTI prioritizes completing CPEC projects: Murad Saeed

Date : 24-09-2018(ARY News)

Murad Saeed, Minister of State for Communication, has stressed that China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is the priority for the government and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf aims to complete all the projects of CPEC. He further added that the ministry will undergo reforms in order to bring efficiency in the projects that are in pipeline. The statement was released post Senate Special Committee on CPEC's information regarding the value of CPEC projects in Gwadar. The committee emphasized on the details of the 5 components of CPEC: energy, infrastructure, industrial cooperation and Gwadar.

CM Mahmood Khan directs quarters to accelerate work on Rashakai Economic Zone

Date : 11-09-2018(The News)

The Chief Minister of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) province, Mahmood Khan, emphasized the importance of the projects scheduled in KPK under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), urging concerned authorities to take the work on the Rashakai Economic Zone to the next stage. He mentioned that three projects will fall under the CPEC umbrella: Chitral-Shandur Road, Rashakai Economic Zone and Greater Peshawar Mass Transit Circular Railway

project. Industrial zones are a key feature of CPEC, set to provide direct benefits to the locals of the area.

The inclusion of Saudi Arabia in CPEC a sign of peace and prosperity in the region: Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed

Date : 25-09-2018 (Express Tribune)

Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee and the Chairman of Pakistan-China Institute, lauded the inclusion of Saudi Arabia in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), saying that it would provide a new access route to China with the Gulf countries. He further stressed that through Saudi participation, more countries would be willing to invest in this mega initiative of China, which would be a sign of peace and prosperity for the region. Highlighting the economic benefits of CPEC, he said that Pakistan's growth rate has gone up by two percent every year, and that CPEC has helped address Pakistan's critical bottlenecks in energy and infrastructure..

Academia is to play an important role in CPEC

Date : 24-09-2018(The News)

Professor Dr. Shahid Siddiqui, Vice Chancellor of Allama Iqbal Open University, said that academia has an important role to play in China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). He further added, that universities should teach students Chinese language considering the increasing scope of CPEC in Pakistan and the opportunities available for youth under the umbrella of CPEC. He also stressed upon cooperation between the academia of both countries to provide more learning opportunities for students in Pakistan as well as in China.

China taken into confidence while inviting Saudi Arabia in CPEC: Fawad Chaudhry

Date : 22-09-2018 (Express Tribune)

Saudi Arabia has recently announced to become part of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Questions were raised in a tweet by former Minister for Planning, Ahsan Iqbal, about whether China was taken into account while inviting Saudi Arabia. In response, the Federal Minister for Information, Fawad Chaudhry said that China was taken

into confidence while inviting the Arab giant. The inclusion of Saudi Arabia is a huge economic boost to Pakistan, which will inculcate further confidence in foreign investors.

Speaker NA attaches supreme importance to CPEC

Date : 12-09-2018 (Pakistan Observer)

The Speaker of National Assembly (NA), has placed supreme importance to the timely implementation of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), stating it as a game-changer for Pakistan in the region. In a meeting held on the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in the parliament house, he said that Pakistan and China enjoy a very fruitful and ever-lasting relationship, which has been further strengthened by CPEC. Talking about the benefits of the project, he said that Pakistan will become a global economic hub with the establishment of Gwadar port, and CPEC will help resolve Pakistan's ever prevalent energy crisis.

China and Pakistan invite investment for CPEC from other countries

Date : 13-09-2018 (South China Morning Post)

Vice Chairman of National Defense and Reform Commission, Ning Jizhe and Minister of Planning, Development and Reforms Makhdoom Khusró Bakhtiar met in Islamabad to discuss the prospects of opening CPEC projects for investment from other countries. The agreement was confirmed by the two countries on Tuesday following a statement by Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang. Chinese have previously received criticism over maintaining geopolitical influence over Pakistan through their investments. Thus, the decision was reached to signify that BRI aims to promote the greater strategic good of the entire region and seeks to bring benefits to all the countries engaged under the umbrella of BRI.

CPEC-BRI Cairo Dialogue opens avenues for cooperation with Middle East and Europe

Date : 24-09-2018 (The News)

High ranking government officials, investors, private sector officials and policy makers from Pakistan, China, Europe and Egypt have gathered in Cairo for CPEC-BRI Cairo Dialogue. The dialogue aims to discuss the expansion of CPEC and BRI to Egypt to open new passages for collaborations between Asia, Europe and Middle East. Dialogue holds significant importance considering the recent partnership between

Pakistan and Saudi Arabia for CPEC, as it provides further avenues of collaboration with the Middle East. The event will put into focus the access to European markets through Suez Canal via Gwadar.

SECP facilitates business registrations in Gwadar

Date : 13-09-2018 (The News)

Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) opened a facilitation center in Gwadar, Balochistan to aid smooth registration of businesses in Gwadar. Considering the wide scope of business activities in Gwadar under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a considerable number of businesses are establishing in Gwadar. SECP has therefore, attempted to make the process smooth by offering online form filling service along with on-the-spot registration with Federal Board of Revenue which aims to make the entire process easy and less time consuming. This will therefore, serve as a significant step towards attracting investors to projects under CPEC.

Sanjrani encourages Turkish business community to invest in Gwadar

Date : 09-09-2018 (Daily Times)

Senate Chairman Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani on Tuesday invited over Turkish businessmen to invest in Gwadar free economic zone and benefit from the economic potential of the development activities in the country.

He expressed these views while talking to a delegation of Turkish businessmen including parliamentarians. Pakistan Turkey Friendship Group Chairman Senator Talha Mahmood and Senate Secretary Amjad Parvez Malik were also present in the meeting.

Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani said that Pakistan and Turkey have time tested relations and are connected through religious, cultural and historic bonds. He said that Pakistan cannot forget the support provided during the earthquake in Pakistan by Turkey. Sadiq Sanjrani said that the cooperation of Turkey in social and economic development of Pakistan is also unprecedented. He said that Pakistan is well aware of the refugee problems being faced by Turkey at the moment due to unrest in Syria, as "we have experienced the same issue since many decades, because of the Afghan refugees".

Social development to be targeted under CPEC - Makhdoom Khusro Bakhtiar

Date : 14-09-2018 (The News)

Following a meeting with Chinese officials in Islamabad, Minister Planning, Development and Reforms, Makhdoon Khusro Bakhtiar said that in addition to the current industrial and infrastructure projects, BRI and CPEC will indulge in social development in Pakistan as well. He informed that a new sub-group of CPEC is formed which is to focus on social development projects such as education, health, agriculture etc. The initiative was discussed during Chinese Foreign Minister, Wang Yi's visit to Pakistan last week. CPEC therefore, serves to be an opportunity and platform for collaboration in various fields that aids in improving the deep rooted problems of Pakistan.

56th progress review meeting held to discuss CPEC development

Date : 14-09-2018 (Dawn News)

The 56th progress review meeting of CPEC, chaired by Minister of Planning, Development and Reforms, Makhdoon Khusro Bakhtiar, was held on Thursday. The meeting was also attended by Chinese Ambassador, Yao Jing. The progress review meeting aimed to seek an update over the ongoing CPEC projects and concluded that implementation of CPEC projects is to be sped up. Moreover, the review meeting also concluded that the CPEC projects should be opened to investment for other countries to diversify financing options and international consultants should be hired for financial modelling of future projects.

Pak-Chinese academia to collaborate in various fields

Date : 14-09-2018 (The Nation)

Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), Dr Muhammad Ali Shaikh met with a Chinese delegation headed by Professor Dr. AN Ran on Thursday to discuss areas of cooperation between Chinese and Pakistan academics. Dr. AN Ran stressed that considering the significance of CPEC for both countries, it is important to strengthen people to people ties and cultural exchange between the two countries. Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) and South China University of Technology (SCUT) Guangzhou, will therefore engage in collaborative efforts in various academic fields such as faculty and student exchange, and research.

Scholars and intellectuals discuss various advantages of the Belt and Road Initiative

Date : 19-09-2018 (Daily Times)

Various scholars from seven countries, including China and India, got together for a conference titled "International Conference on Global Peace amidst War and Conflict," where key initiatives of the Chinese diplomacy were discussed with have changed the economic and strategic landscape of the region. It was discussed that the Chinese mega-project of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), is an inclusive project and an example of regional cooperation.

Suez Canal and Gwadar predicted to become mega seaports under BRI

Date : 25-09-2018 (Pakistan Today)

As part of the inclusiveness of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), a summit was held in Cairo, titled 'CPEC-BRI Cairo Dialogue and Trade Summit-Building Partnership for Trade Transformation', where policy makers, members of think-tanks, top government officials and academia were present, where the importance of Egypt for the future of BRI and CPEC was discussed. Furthermore, the importance of the Indian Ocean was also discussed, considering more than 70 percent of the world trade passes through the ocean.

Foreign investors seek review of CPEC, free trade deals

Date : 09-13-2018 (The Express Tribune)

An advocacy group of multinational companies working in Pakistan has advised the government to review the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and free trade agreements (FTA) in order to provide a level playing field for all stakeholders.

The Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OICCI) has made these recommendations to Finance Minister Asad Umar. Foreign investors have also linked future investment plans with consistency in economic policies.

"There has to be a level playing field and wherever there is discrimination it should be addressed," said OICCI President Irfan Wahab Khan on Wednesday while responding to a question on CPEC during talk with the media.

TRIMMING THE FAT

By
Zeenia Shah



Elections the world over, are fought on a platform of fiscal responsibility. It is the same in our country, with each political party claiming to have the secret to a balanced budget. Every new government begins with a vow to curb spending and adopt austerity and the same is true of the administration which took charge in 2018.

Pakistan's newly elected government has its work cut out for it: external public debt was estimated at \$ 75.35 billion in June 2018. Prime Minister Imran Khan promised the nation on his inauguration that he would rein in superfluous spending and streamline the bloated government budget. Since then several steps have been taken in this direction,



many others are under consideration.

Some highlights this regard:

In September 2018, 100 luxury vehicles owned by the government were put up for public auction. Four helicopters are also expected to go under the auctioneers hammer later in the month.

Discretionary funds for the use of the President, Prime Minister and Federal Ministers have been banned.

There is consideration being given to the idea that government buildings like Punjab House in Rawalpindi and Government House in Murree as well as the State Guest House on Mall road in Lahore should be converted into

educational institutions or leased to the private sector for use as hotels. The Prime Minister has decided not to reside in the huge building set aside for his use and has suggested that it be used for housing a university campus. A suggestion was put forward for cutting the 500+ staffers who run the Prime Minister House but this was shelved due to security purposes.

Through the Finance Bill 2018/2019 released on 19th September the government has withdrawn tax exemptions for Federal Ministers on housing, conveyance and sumptuary allowances.

All officials including the President, Prime Minister, Chief Justice and Senate Chairman will cease travelling First Class on aircraft and the retinue joining these personages during foreign trips will be reduced.

The Ministry of Capital Administration and Development has been abolished and its offices merged with other ministries.

These schemes have met their fair share of criticism, with some claiming that it is a drop in an ocean while others accuse the government of engaging in window dressing while the larger economic issues remain untended. Consider however that for a developing country like Pakistan a pared down government machinery should be the norm. In 2013 it was reported that given Rs 82.38 billion as supplementary budget for the year, the Punjab cabinet had already exceeded it by Rs 80 million. This is nothing new. In the 2009/2010 budget each Federal minister was given Rs 0.6 million while Provincial ministers were given Rs 0.4 million in annual discretionary funds with little oversight on how the funds were utilized.

Casting the net a little wider, a review is

underway of all ongoing development projects and it is projected that the federal development funds will be reduced from Rs 1030 billion to Rs 775 billion for the 2018/2019 fiscal year.

Top priority has been given to projects related to CPEC and the development of the Gwadar Industrial Zone. The government has reiterated that the budget decided upon previously for

Lahore Governor House



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These funds will be directed more towards priority projects like water and infrastructure while temporarily limiting initiatives like the Youth Laptop Scheme and new power projects which depend on imported coal.

projects related to these will be fully protected.

Other fiscal measures involve the common citizen directly. These include a 46% rise in the tariffs of natural gas and a rise in the price of electricity at

the rate of Rs 2 per unit. An increase is expected in the prices of petroleum products in October. These decisions became imperative when Finance Minister Asad Umar revealed that the

become costlier in the new budget including tobacco, mobile phones and vehicles with a capacity above 1800cc.

Economists have long maintained that monetary tightening of the belt

economy, as people curb inessential spending due to high tax burden and areas like healthcare and education suffer from lack of funds. The pros and cons of austerity are visible in the European Union countries. Spain adopted budget cuts like others in the EU in 2009. By 2011 a healthcare crisis was brewing in the country and by 2016 people were demonstrating in the streets against austerity. During all this the economy reported only sluggish growth. In contrast Germany maintained strong growth due to increased exports.

Pakistan new government needs to prove its commitment to the economy to reassure its creditors and lower its debt burden.

Finance Minister Asad Umer has asserted the government's commitment to reforming the tax policy. The rate of income tax has already been increased on the highest earning bracket in the country but more needs to be done. According to tax experts the government needs to document accurate details of individual accounts in the nation's banks so that an exact record of taxable assets can be maintained. Tax officials have already started sending notices to citizens who own property overseas in order to ascertain that all due taxes have been paid on said properties.

The question of GDP growth is tied to the early completion of CPEC projects and also to increasing exports. The global environment is extremely volatile at the moment with super powers like China and the U.S at loggerheads over trade agreements. Pakistan should use the opportunity to find new trade partners and improve its portfolio of goods and services. The "Look to Africa Initiative" launched in 2017 is a step in the right direction with the Kenyan government showing keen interest in expanding trade with Pakistan.

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power sector and gas sector faced shortfalls of Rs 450 billion and Rs 100 billion respectively. This was in spite of these sectors receiving large subsidies from the previous government. Over 5000 imported luxury items have

is well enough when it reduces the deficit and boosts confidence among investors, however it is not enough to sustain long term economic growth. If implemented improperly austerity measures may even suppress the

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Sphinx of Baluchistan

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Princess of Hope

National Park await attention of concerned stakeholders for needed development

GWADAR BUILDERS & DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION

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By
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PROPERTY GUIDE

HOW TO BUY PROPERTY IN GWADAR

CLASSIFICATION of TYPES of PROPERTY GWADAR

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1. Category according to type of property
 - a. open lands,
 - b. private scheme,
 - c. government scheme,
2. Category according to use of property
 - a. Residential:
 - I. Plot
 - ii. Apartment
 - iii. House
 - b. Commercial:
 - I. Plot
 - ii. Shop
 - c. Industrial:
 - I. Plot
 - ii. Warehouse
3. Category according to inclusion of property in Master plan
 - a. falling inside the master plan and
 - b. falling outside the master plan
4. Category with reference to NOCs issued by Gwadar Development Authority
 - a. schemes without NOC,
 - b. schemes with NOC:
 - I. schemes with expired NOC,
 - ii. schemes with conditionally restored NOC,
 - iii. schemes with suspended NOC
5. Category with reference of location to Sea
 - a. sea facing,
 - b. coastal front
 - c. inland
6. Category with reference to requisition by Government
 - a. Requisition advertised under section 4
 - b. Land clear of requisition plans
7. Category with reference to Settlement
 - a. Property in family settlement
 - b. Property clear of any family settlement issues

TIPS FOR PURCHASING PROPERTY IN GWADAR

- Find a trustworthy dealer, more than one is preferred
- Visit Gwadar (preferable)
- Visit several property sites
- Select a property you understand
- Meet the owner (preferable)
- See all title documents
- Verification of land according to category and type in the classification
- Verification of Documents from the land revenue department
- Verification advertisement in local newspaper to detect any issues in property title
- Verification of property site (especially of open lands) by GPS demarcation on the Masterplan
- Avoid purchasing properties on open transfer as many dealers are involved
- Avoid giving open transfer as it feeds speculation and ruins a genuine property market
- Get the title owner/seller signature on the site plan in presence of the tehsildar
- Take all original relevant documents at that specific stage of transaction whether token, down payment (biyaana) or full payment
- Ask for a receipt for payments for all transactions, expenses etc

- Ask for a receipt for all government taxes paid
- Do not undervalue your property to evade stamp paper costs, taxes and transfer expenses
- Make payments through cross cheques, pay orders and bank lodgements
- Avoid cash payments
- If buying property in a high-rise building: ask for the soil test report and fire safety strategy approval.
- If buying property in a scheme, check the NOC status on the GDA website which is updated for the month
- For any queries call the Information Cell of Gwadar Development Authority
- For a price guideline on private schemes seek clarification from Gwadar Development Authority

Important Contact Numbers for CPEC & Gwadar

City Administration

Deputy Commissioner 086-9201027

Assistant Commissioner 086-4010027

Gwadar Development Authority

Director General GDA 086-9201004

GDA Camp Office, Quetta 086-9204431

PSO TO DG - GDA 086-9201004-10

*GDA Private Scheme
Information Centre* 086-9201010

Contact

COPHC Karachi Office
(+92) 322 2766728

Gwadar Free Zone Company
(+92) 321 8621030

Emergency Contact

Medical emergency
(+92) 323-3370863

Local emergency
Alarm :15 Fire :16 Ambulance :115

Medical emergency
(+92) 323-3370863

Business Center 8000

*Chinese Embassy in
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(+92) 21-8496156
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Summary of NOCs issued by Gwadar Development Authority Since 2004

Category	No of Schemes	Total Area
Residential	77	12,210.604 Acres
Industrial	17	2,274.87 Acres
Commercial	06	299.84 Acres
Recreational	04	381 Acres
Building	13	

GWADAR Development Authority NOC Status for October 2018

Source: www.gda.gov.pk

NOC of Residential

Expired: 36
Restore: 27
Under Process for restoration: 13

NOC of Industrial

Expired: 10
Restore: 4
Under Process for restoration: 3

NOC of Commercial

Expired: 3
Restore: 1
Under Process for restoration: 2

NOC of Recreational

Expired: 4
Restore: 0
Under Process for restoration: 0

NOC of Building

Expired: 12
Restore: 2
Under Process for restoration: 0

SCHEME COMPLETED: 0



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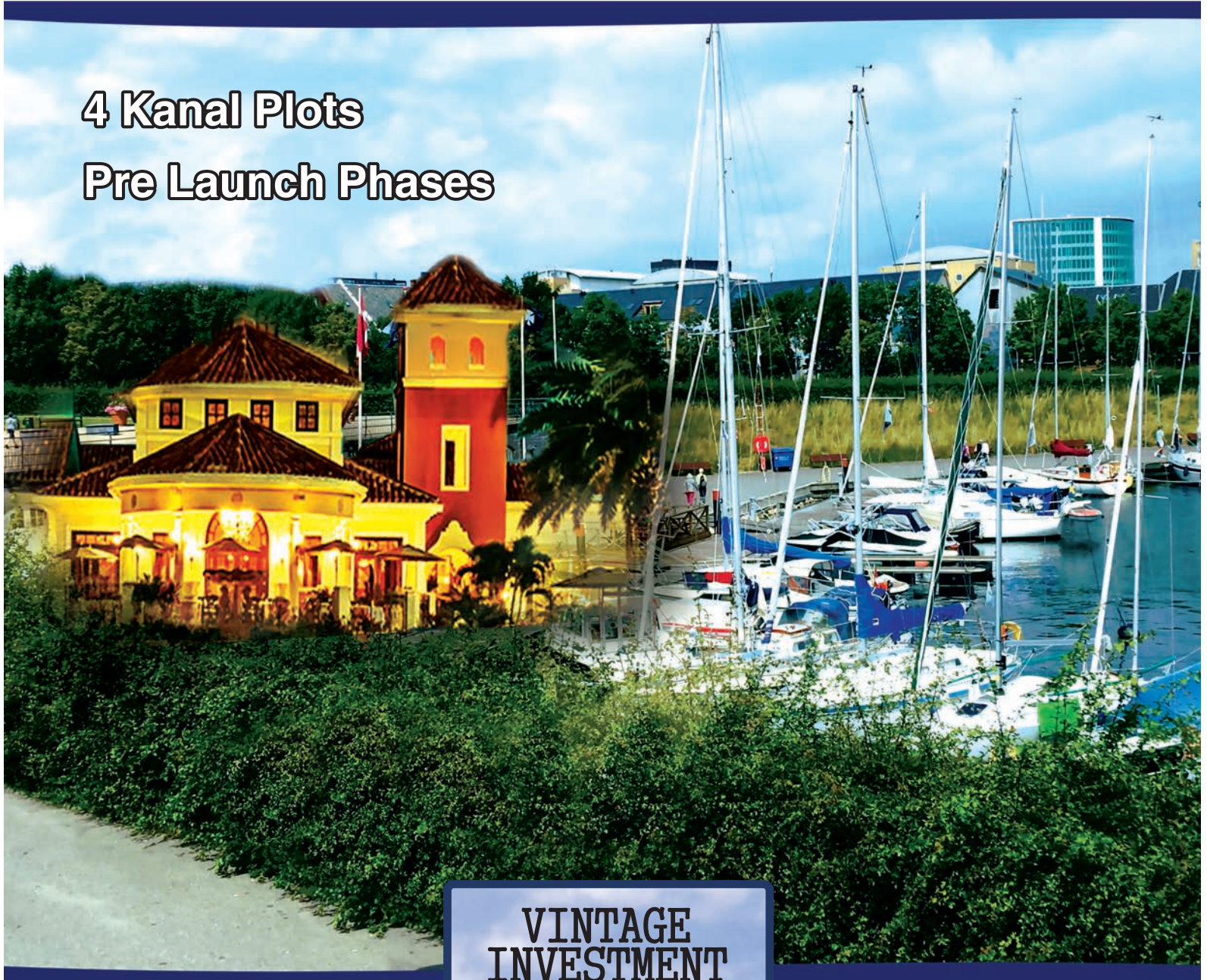
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